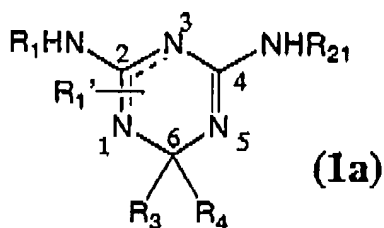


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**1-36. (Cancelled)**

**37. (New)** A dihydrotriazine compound represented by the formula (1a):



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is (i) a phenyl group, (ii) a benzyl or 2-phenylethyl group which is optionally substituted by methyl or methoxy, (iii) a quinolyl group or (iv) a cyclohexylmethyl group; R<sub>21</sub> is n-octyl, n-nonyl or n-decyl; R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are each methyl; and R<sub>1</sub>' is a hydrogen atom attached to the nitrogen atom at position 1 or 3 of the dihydrotriazine ring, or a tautomer thereof or a salt thereof.

**38. (New)** The dihydrotriazine compound according to claim 37, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is (i) a phenyl group or (ii) a benzyl or 2-phenylethyl group which is optionally substituted by methyl or methoxy, or a tautomer thereof or a salt thereof.

**39. (New)** The dihydrotriazine compound according to claim 37, which is 4-octylamino-3,6-dihydro-6,6-dimethyl-2-(4'-methylbenzylamino)-1,3,5-triazine, or a tautomer thereof or a salt thereof.

**40. (New)** The dihydrotriazine compound according to claim 37, which is 4-octylamino-2-cyclohexylmethylamino-3,6-dihydro-6,6-dimethyl-1,3,5-triazine or a tautomer thereof or a salt thereof.

**41. (New)** A method for sterilizing/disinfecting, which comprises applying externally an effective amount of the dihydrotriazine compound as defined in claim 37, or a tautomer thereof or a salt thereof, to a wound site, a burn site or a bedsore site, or an operation site before and after operation, a hand or an arm of a medical employee, or sterilizing or disinfecting medical equipment or a medical environment in need of sterilization/disinfection.

**42. (New)** A method of preparation of an external bactericidal/disinfectant agent, which comprises mixing the dihydrotriazine compound represented by the formula (Ia) as defined in claim 37, or a tautomer thereof or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof together with a pharmaceutically acceptable additive.